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American Citizen Services (ACS) Newsletter

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The newsletter is our way of sharing topics of general interest as well as any changes in Embassy hours or procedures. We will continue to send time-sensitive announcements separately. If you need to update your registration, please click [here](#) . Please share your feedback with us at SingaporeACS@state.gov. *Thank you!*

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Appointment System for Reporting a Birth Abroad

Starting the week of February 9, 2009 those seeking to report a birth abroad will be required to make an online appointment prior to coming to the Embassy. We are implementing this online appointment system to minimize the time spent at the Embassy by each family as well as ensure that each Report of Birth Abroad case receives a high level of attention and care.

Appointments will be available Monday-Friday in the morning and afternoon except on Singapore and U.S. public holidays and Consular Administrative/Training days. For more details and to access the online system as of February 9, 2009, please visit our information portal at http://singapore.usembassy.gov/birth_abroad.html.

IRS Will Not Visit This Year

Unlike in years past, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will not be sending a representative to the Embassy this year due to budgetary constraints. It is in your best interest therefore to refer to the IRS website, <http://www.irs.gov/>, to gain a better understanding of your tax responsibilities. All the forms you may need are available on this site.

In addition, IRS's online toolkit, <http://www.taxtoolkit.irs.gov/>, is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This site makes it easier for you to:

- Understand basic tax information
- Determine if you need an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)
- Learn about special tax credits
- Help prevent identity theft
- Understand why it's important to follow the tax laws
- Learn more about the tax-related issues of starting a small business
- Understand your options when you owe the IRS money
- Get your tax refund quickly and fairly

Consular Section Closures – Holidays and Admin/Training Days

The Consular section will be closed on the following dates in February and March 2009.

Monday, February 16, 2009 U.S. Holiday - George Washington's Birthday

Thursday, February 26, 2009 Admin/Training Day*

Thursday, March 19, 2009 Admin/Training Day*

* Admin/Training Days: We will be closed for all routine American Citizen Services such as passport renewal, extra passport pages and notarial services on these days. Regular services will resume the following day. For emergency services at any time during an Admin/Training day, please call 6476-9100 during normal business hours.

Holidays: The Embassy observes certain local and American holidays. On these days, the Consular Section will be closed. For an emergency involving an American citizen, please contact the Duty Officer at 6476-9100.

Updated Travel Information:

[Worldwide Caution](#)

Current Travel Alerts of regional interest:

Travel Alerts are issued to disseminate information about short-term conditions, generally within a particular country, that pose imminent risks to the security of U.S. citizens. Below please find links to current Travel Alerts for countries of regional interest. For a complete listing of Travel Alerts for all regions, please visit <http://travel.state.gov>.

[Bangladesh](#)

[India](#)

[South Pacific Cyclone Season](#)

Current Travel Warnings of regional interest:

Travel Warnings are issued to describe long-term, protracted conditions that make a country dangerous or unstable. Below please find links to Travel Warnings for countries of regional interest. For a complete listing of Travel Warnings for all regions, please visit <http://travel.state.gov>.

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